

The Steps of Accountability

State lawmakers adopted a number of steps in recent years to ensure MoDOT is one of the most accountable agencies in state government.

1996—Gov. Mel Carnahan forms the Total Transportation Commission to study the state's growing transportation needs and make recommendations for improvement. The commission, comprised of state officials, lawmakers and transportation stakeholders, recognized the need for additional revenue to meet those needs.

1997—The Joint Interim Committee on Transportation was appointed to further study the state's transportation needs and develop a plan for legislative action to help improve Missouri's roads and bridges and other transportation services.

1998—The joint committee's work in 1997 resulted in legislation that created a new position, Director of MoDOT, to oversee department operations and better establish financial checks and balances. The new laws also created the Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight to annually review MoDOT operations. The legislation requires MoDOT to submit an accountability report to the joint committee each November. That report provides detailed financial information about the amount of transportation funding received by the department and how it is spent.

2000—A new law authorized the use of bonds to finance road and bridge construction projects. The legislation requires that MoDOT submit a list of each year's bond-financed projects for legislative review.

The law also requires the department to submit a transportation plan, outlining upcoming projects and financing. This plan is submitted to the Missouri General Assembly's Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight as part of MoDOT's annual accountability report.

1995—The Interim Committee on the Department of Highways and Transportation (now MoDOT) was established to study MoDOT operations.

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